

Wycombe Get Goal-Spree

Training Stint!

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Hazells 0, Wycombe Wanderers 7

WYCOMBE WANDERERS had no trouble knocking up their biggest score of the season on Saturday when they defeated Hazells (Aylesbury) in the quarter-final of the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup in a game which was no more than a training stint for the Wanderers.

Hazells were never as dangerous as Wycombe in front of goal, but if they had possessed a Paul Bates or Peter James they might have scored on several occasions.

Both James and Bates snapped up half chances to score. Bates played for most of the game only at half pace, but still managed to score three times. James, obviously fighting to ensure his cup place, tried as hard as anyone on the field and, apart from making openings for his colleagues, scored two fine goals.

He claimed his first only about 40 seconds after the start, when Tony Horseman put him through. Fifteen minutes later Horseman and James combined again to put Bates through for a second.

Hazells made several attacks, with speedy left-winger Paddy

Power always prominent, but goalkeeper Ken Brown positioned himself shrewdly for every shot.

Just before half-time Wycombe increased the pressure and eventually a free-kick from Thomas was headed in by James.

In the second half Wycombe dominated the play even more markedly and often had the perplexed Hazells defenders chasing shadows.

Within five minutes, following a corner, Gale prodded the ball goalwards and Bates nodded it neatly into the back of the net.

Hazells, although outclassed and outsmarted, never lost their spirit—but their enthusiasm was not enough to stop the Wanderers from continuing their goal-spree.

Tony Horseman, the hardest

worker on the field, who had changed positions with George Blair, made the next goal when he headed the ball out of the goalkeeper's hands for Blair to score.

And in the last three minutes two more goals came—when James intercepted a poor back pass and allowed Bates to complete his hat-trick, and when Bates squared the ball for Horseman to score.

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The result was the tonic Wycombe need for their match tomorrow. If they are allowed to play the game at their own pace they can be very dangerous.

The defence, though not severely tested, did all that was required. John Beck, troubled by Powers' speed early on, soon found how to handle him. Alistair Lewis had a steady game and John Fisher improved as the game wore on.

But the best performance was from the two wing halves, Thomas and Gale. Dave Thomas started many attacks and Gale, playing more defensively, showed continued improvement after his recent lapse from top form.

Len Worley and George Blair saw little of the ball for long stretches but they always looked dangerous when they did.